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In re

Patent Application of

Ruth Marie Tritz, et. al.

Application No. 09/653,595

Confirmation No. 4590

Filed: August 31, 2000

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"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
EVALUATING A FINANCIAL ACCOUNT  
APPLICANT"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before substantive examination of the present application, entry of the present Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 6, delete the second full paragraph, and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

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The scoring model module 44 includes software that takes either some or all of the data acquired by the application server 22 and the modules 26, 30, 34, 38 and 42 connected thereto and provides a score or scores for each applicant based on an algorithm that defines a risk model. Preferably, the algorithm is a logistic regression algorithm that generates a score for each applicant which score predicts the likelihood that the applicant will be an account

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                               |  |       |  |                         |             |                          |  |
|---|--|-------|--|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| (1)   | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | (3)   | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |  |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                 | 31   | MINUS | 25   | 6                       | X \$18      | 108.00                   |  |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                                | 8  | MINUS | 3  | 5                       | X \$84      | 420.00                   |  |
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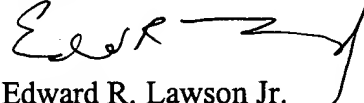
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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for same.

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Respectfully submitted,



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